

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A non-contact communication card comprising:
 - a communication component which communicates information in a non-contact state;
 - a time ~~designation~~ setting component which ~~designates~~ sets a communication permission time period in advance, the communication permission time period being set ~~designated~~ by a user ~~of the card~~; and
 - a communication control component which determines, upon receiving a communication request, whether or not the current time at which the communication request is received is within the communication permission time period designated ~~set~~ in advance by said time ~~designation~~ setting component, permits communication by said communication component when determining that the current time is within the communication permission time period, and prohibits communication by said communication component when determining that the current time is not within the communication permission time period.

2. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 1, wherein the card further comprises a designation component which designates permission/prohibition of communication, the permission/prohibition of communication being set by the user, and said communication control component further prohibits communication by said

communication component if prohibition of communication is designated by said designation component.

3. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 1, further comprising a recording component which records log information of communication performed by said communication component.

4. (Original) The card according to claim 1, further comprising a display component which displays information communicated by said communication component.

5 to 6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a non-contact communication apparatus which has a communication component which communicates information in a non-contact state, comprising:

a time ~~designation setting~~ step of ~~designating setting~~ a communication permission time period in advance, the communication permission time period being set designated by a user ~~of the communication apparatus~~; and

a communication control step of determining, upon receiving a communication request, whether or not the current time at which the communication request is received is within the communication permission time period designated set in advance in the time ~~designation setting~~ step, permitting communication by the

communication component when determining that the current time is within the communication permission time period, and prohibiting communication by the communication component when determining that the current time is not within the communication permission time period.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, wherein the non-contact communication apparatus further comprises a designation component which designates permission/prohibition of communication, the permission/prohibition of communication being set by the user, and in the communication control step, communication by the communication component is further prohibited if prohibition of communication is designated by the designation component.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, further comprising a recording step of recording log information of communication performed by the communication component.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising a display step of displaying information communicated by the communication component.

11 to 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for controlling a

non-contact communication apparatus which has a communication component which communicates information in a non-contact state, the program causing a computer to execute:

a time designation setting step of designating setting a communication permission time period in advance, the communication permission time period being set designated by a user of the communication apparatus; and

a communication control step of determining, upon receiving a communication request, whether or not the current time at which the communication request is received is within the communication permission time period designated set in advance in the time designation setting step, permitting communication by the communication component when determining that the current time is within the communication permission time period, and prohibiting communication by the communication component when determining that the current time is not within the communication permission time period.

14 to 15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 1, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a start time at which communication by said communication component is permitted and an end time at which communication by said communication component is no longer permitted.

17. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 1, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a valid time at which communication by said communication component is permitted and by setting a width of time before and after the valid time, during which communication by said communication component is permitted.

18. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 1, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a start time at which communication by said communication component is permitted and by setting a width of time after the start time, during which communication by said communication component is permitted.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a start time at which communication by the communication component is permitted and an end time at which communication by the communication component is no longer permitted.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a valid time at which communication by the communication component is permitted and by setting a width of time before and after the valid time, during which communication by the communication component is permitted.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a start time at which communication by the communication component is permitted and by setting a width of time after the start time, during which communication by the communication component is permitted.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer program product according to claim 13, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a start time at which communication by the communication component is permitted and an end time at which communication by the communication component is no longer permitted.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer program product according to claim 13, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a valid time at which communication by the communication component is permitted and by setting a width of time before and after the valid time, during which communication by the communication component is permitted.

24. (Currently Amendment) The computer program product according to claim 13, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a start time at which communication by the communication component is permitted and by setting a width of time after the start time, during which communication by the communication component is permitted.